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# FISHING BOAT TO JOIN JUBILEE CELEBRATION

By Paul Giles

A FISHING boat, which helped in the historic Dunkirk evacuations in 1940, will be part of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

The Endeavour, which is moored at Leigh, will join about 1,000 other boats on the Thames on Sunday, June 3, to honour the Queen's 60 years on the throne.

Peter Dolby, chairman of the Leigh Endeavour Trust, said being nominated for the event had been kept under wraps.

He said: "We were asked not to go public until the organisers gave us the go ahead."

Mr Dolby explained the group applied for the ship to take part because of the historic ships section in the flotilla.

The Endeavour was part of the mass evacuation of Dunkirk, between May and June in 1940, that saw more than 300,000 troops being rescued.

The boat, which was found in 2000 in a boat yard in Rochester, has been through a series of restoration projects until it became seaworthy again in 2005.

Since then it has returned to Dunkirk to commemorate the 65th and 70th anniversaries of the evacuation.

Mr Dolby said the trust was looking forward to taking the ship to another historical event.

He said: "We've already had members asking if they could make the trip."

"However organisers have said there can only be 14 people to each vessel and our insurance only covers that amount of people."

"The trust is very proud to be involved with it, it is such a great thing especially when you think of the history of the Endeavour as well."

The Endeavour will be joined by 60 other Dunkirk ships.

The Endeavour will have its mast up, so it will not be able to make the full route and will be moored between London Bridge and Tower Bridge.

Mr Dolby added: "It doesn't look right without the mast up so will be moored up almost like a guard of honour for the flotilla."

If people would like to join the Leigh Endeavour Trust visit [www.endeavourtrust.co.uk](http://www.endeavourtrust.co.uk)



**CELEBRATIONS:** Members of the Leigh Endeavour Trust and the boat that will be taking part in the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations.  
Picture by Mark Cleveland

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## Shoppers thanked

SHOPPERS dug deep over the Christmas period to raise cash for Southend Hospital's charity Bosom Pals.

Over the festive period £3,011.84 was raised through donations. Charity trustee and organiser Malachy O'Sullivan said: "Once again, the support from The Royal's Shopping Centre and their loyal customers has done us proud to raise this fabulous amount. The money will make a significant contribution to the appeal."

## Female runners

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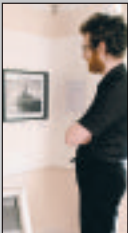
The organisation is run by female coaches from East Essex Triathlon Club, which aims to encourage women to take up running. Beginner's courses will start on Wednesday, February 22.

The course will be based in Chalkwell Park and costs £16.

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The new light, modern and airy fly  
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REVIEW: Graham Longley with the independent review at Marine Parade.

Picture by Mark Cleveland

# Indepedent review calls for more pedestrian crossings on seafront

By Paul Giles

SOUTHEND Council will introduce new pedestrian crossing areas on the seafront following the release of an independent review.

The review also states the 20mph speed cameras could also be removed by police after drivers adjust to the speed limit.

The author of the review, John Dales, called on the council to take down as many signs as possible.

In the report the urban planning

expert said the signs should be seen as a 'short-lived measure' once people become accustomed to the shared space zone.

Graham Longley, leader of the Liberal Democrats group on Southend Council, has been calling for crossings since the new shared space was completed.

He said: "I'm pleased that the independent review seized the point of having courtesy crossings

"We're not looking for a lot of money to be spent, we just want a visual

prompt for motorists and pedestrians.

"It will show they're approaching something to be aware of and to slow down and be careful.

"This is a common sense move, shared space is not something everyone is aware of so a common sense approach insures a good scheme can be even better."

Mr Dales also states the black boulders near Hartington Road should be removed and replaced with specialist bumpy paving.

This would help blind people to

recognise the sides of the road.

Tony Cox, councillor for transport, said he was happy with the results of the review.

He said: "It needed to be done; it wasn't a knee jerk reaction, it was always in the pipe line.

"I have given my commitment that we will implement all of the reports findings.

"You can't obstruct an independent review, I've always said that."

Mr Cox added the work would be done as soon as practically possible.

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### Drop-in sessions

DIAL Southend will be holding a series of monthly drop in sessions at Southend Central Library.

The sessions will offer free information and advice on a wide range of subjects including benefits, housing, debt, employment and much more.

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### Indecent exposure

A MAN flashed a woman in Clifftown Parade, at 1am last Friday.

The 43-year-old woman was walking home when the man approached her.

He is described as white, 5ft 8ins to 5ft 10ins tall and of a fat build.

He had untidy grey collar length hair and wore only a blue or grey dressing gown.

The man was on the opposite side of the road and was walking towards the town centre.

Anyone with information should contact PC Sue Hellier at Southend Police Station on 101.

### Ask councillors

COUNCILLORS Mary Betson, Ric Morgan and Mike Grimwade will be at Trust Links, in Fairfax Drive, on Saturday, from 10am to noon, to listen to Prittlewell residents and answer their questions.

It is an opportunity for residents to air any concerns they may have regarding their local area.

### Purse stolen from handbag

A WOMAN had her purse stolen from her handbag during the Rock and Roll bingo event at Mecca Bingo, at Southend's Greyhound Estate.

The incident happened last Thursday while the woman left her bag unattended.

The purse contained cards and a driving licence along with £50 cash.

Anyone with any information should contact PC Shaddock at Southend Police Station on 101.

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# Thames Hub proposers hopeful of consultation

By Paul Giles

THE team behind proposals for a Thames Estuary airport have welcomed reports the Government will consider it in a consultation being launched in March.

The consultation will look into the impacts on existing airports at Southend and Stansted.

Back in his autumn statement, Chancellor George Osborne did not rule out a new hub on the Isle of Grain, which has also received support from Mayor of London, Boris Johnson.

The team for Fosters and Partners, and Halcrow and Volterra, have proposed a hub, which includes a new £20billion airport that will cater for 150million passengers.

It could also feature a four-track orbital railway line and a new lower Thames crossing through Essex towards the A12.

Lord Foster said he was happy the Government would take into consideration the extra airport capacity the hub could offer.

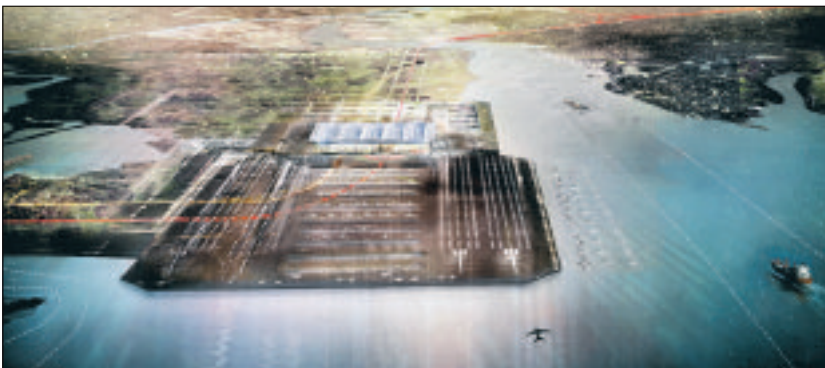
He said: "We are working with the Government and wider industry stakeholders to put in place the transport connections Britain needs to encourage growth, job creation and trade with the rest of the world, particularly the emerging economies."

"This is an opportunity to reassert Britain's role as a global hub and an international gateway."

If proposals for the hub are accepted it could be built within 16 years.

Lord Foster added: "We are aware that there is some confusion between our Thames Hub vision and the Mayor of London's Shivering Sands proposals, which have become known as 'Boris' Island."

"We believe that the economic case for the Thames Hub is compelling as Britain is already losing out to expanding European hubs."



VISION OF THE FUTURE?: An artist's impression of what the airport could look like.

## Walking tours of new airport terminal booked up

SOUTHEND'S new airport terminal will open later this month.

Spaces to get a sneak preview of the new terminal at London Southend Airport before it opens have been fully booked.

The airport has arranged for a certain amount of people to have a walking tour of the check in facilities, security area and retail outlets within the departure area of the new terminal.

Guests will also board a Stobarts coach and be given a driving tour of the new 300m runway extension and airfield before disembarking at the new arrivals hall. The airport will now send out confirmation letters to people who have successfully booked to go on the tours.

People who have not been allocated a space will also be sent a letter.

The tours will take place on Tuesday, February 14, and Wednesday, February 15.

Alistair Welch, managing director of the airport said the tours had been running for four years.

He said: "They have proved really popular for local people to come and see what's going on at the airport. It shows there is an interest in the development at the airport."

"This year every single tour has been fully booked within a day of being available."

The new terminal will be open on Tuesday, February 28.

More can be found at [www.southendairport.com](http://www.southendairport.com)

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## Woman threatened

POLICE are hunting for a man who threatened a 24-year-old woman walking along Johnstone Road, Thorpe Bay, at about 11am last Wednesday.

The woman was approached from behind by the suspect, who grabbed her by the wrists and threatened to hurt her if she screamed. He ran off when the victim started screaming.

The man was white, 6ft tall and of fat build. He was aged between 30 and 40 and had messy dark hair and a beard. He wore a dark puffer jacket, dark trousers and black shoes and he smelt of body odour and alcohol.

PC Watkinson can be reached at Shoebury Police Station on 101.

## Utility room ablaze

FIREFIGHTERS had to tackle a blaze involving a washing machine in the utility room of a house in Station Road, Westcliff on Saturday.

Crews were called at 2.39pm to the house where the ground floor was 50 per cent smoke logged.

They used a high pressure fan to clear the property of smoke after putting the fire out 20 minutes later.

## Mobile phone stolen

A WOMAN had her mobile phone stolen from her bag in Talk nightclub, in Lucy Road, Southend last Friday at about 2am.

The 18-year-old woman felt her bag being tugged but kept hold of it and later found her phone was missing.

Anyone with any information should contact PC Shaddock at Southend Police Station on 101.

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OPEN: Kul Singh, the manager of new 1st Bowl in the Kursaal.

Picture by Mark Cleveland

## Come and be bowled over

By Paul Giles

A NEW ten-pin bowling alley will open at the Kursaal tomorrow (Thursday).

It will be managed by bowling operator 1st Bowl, and will boast 30 lanes of bowling.

Kul Singh, manager of the bowling alley, was pleased to be opening this week.

He said: "We're pleased to have got all of our bowling leagues back and have them playing each day of the week."

The bowling alley will also feature pool tables, amusement arcades and a bar alongside the bowling.

Corporate packages, parties and a private function room will also be available to anyone that wants to book them.

Kul added: "We have really spruced the place up. The atmosphere will be better than before because we have a team of really enthusiastic staff that are looking forward to bringing bowling back to the seafront."

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# Duo look to set up new school

By Paul Giles

A MOTHER and daughter team are in the process of setting up their own free school and are looking for support from the community.

Helen and Emma Prince, who have 16 years combined teaching experience, have set up a petition to help show support for the school.

'Prince's Community School' aims to target students who are at risk of under-achieving as they move into secondary education. Their vision is to open a mainstream school for 11 to 16-year-olds that complements the current education provision in the area.

It will offer a practical approach to lessons, smaller classes, personalised learning, a focus on developing core skills and working within the local community.

Emma, 26, who works as a literacy mentor, said mainstream schools in Southend are doing a great job but are bound by the National Curriculum.

She said: "In a free school we can design a curriculum and ethos to meet the needs of each child."

"We are trying to bring in a strong pastoral team from the moment they come to the school. By no means are we solely trying to attract children that are determined

as 'failing'.

"Any child could come to the school as all our students will be educated to a very high standard."

"All we are trying to do is stop children slipping through the net as they progress through secondary school."

The pair are currently working with a qualified professional team in the education sector to develop the project. They are also working in partnership with Dedman Gray Estate Agents to find a suitable property to meet their requirements.

Helen, 55, who is an English teacher at Chase High School, has already spoken to several headteachers in the borough who have offered their support.

She said: "All of the heads have been very positive with what we are proposing and the vision we have for the school, in particular the headteacher at Milton Hall."

Debra Priest, headteacher of Milton Hall, said the school was a good idea.

She said: "The holistic vision for this school brings much needed additional secondary provision to Southend and I know that many students will benefit from the flexible provision and pastoral support being offered."

At a recent open event for the proposed school Helen commented that parents reacted in a very positive way.



**FREE SCHOOL:** Mother and daughter team Helen and Emma Prince who are trying to open a free school in Southend.

She said: "It is critical for our bid that we can demonstrate strong support from parents to enable this school to happen."

More information or to sign the petition

can be found on their web site, [www.princescommunityschool.com](http://www.princescommunityschool.com) or email them at: [princescommunityschool@gmail.com](mailto:princescommunityschool@gmail.com)

■ Free Schools are non-profit making, independent schools funded by the Department for Education.

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■ They are only set up if there is proof for a real demand for them within a local area.

■ Teachers at Free Schools do not have to have Qualified Teacher Status.

■ They will be subject to the same Ofsted inspections as all state schools.

# Bike recycling scheme goes from strength to strength

SOUTHEND'S ReCycle Centre has sold its 1,000th bike.

The centre at Brunel Road, in Leigh, revives old bikes and sells them on at a low price.

Colin Brady, leader of the 1st Shoeburyness Scout Group, was the person who bought the bike as part of a project he is doing with his son.

He said: "It will be very useful for transport and

fitness purposes and may also be used to help the Scouts learn bike maintenance.

"We have been looking to do the Scout cycling badge with our troop in the past and now we have a bike to work with we can start thinking more about it."

"The people at the ReCycle Centre were very helpful and friendly."

Councillor for waste and protection, Tony Cox, said the centre was going from strength to strength.

He said: "We are very grateful to the whole community for the support they give it."

People have supported the centre by donating old and unwanted bikes and buying the revived bikes.

He added: "It allows people to buy very good quality bikes at low prices and those who volunteer to help refurbish the bikes are constantly learning new skills as well as making new friends."

Anyone who would like to donate a bike should drop into the centre at 2 Brunel Road e-mail [bikerecycle@southend.gov.uk](mailto:bikerecycle@southend.gov.uk) or call 07824 301609.

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# Photographer's work to go on display at gallery of namesake

By Paul Giles

A PHOTOGRAPHER who shares his name with the Beecroft Gallery will be displaying some quirky photography during the next month.

Dan Beecroft called the gallery last year to enquire about having a show at the Beecroft in Station Road, Westcliff, unaware of their plans for showing some of the brightest talents in Essex in 2012.

Claire Fox, marketing officer for Southend Museums, said she received a call in August and Dan explained that he shared the name of the gallery's founder, William Beecroft.

Claire said: "He said that photography was his forte and it seemed a perfect fit, then he showed us his stunning work and we just had to get him a slot in what is proving to be a very busy year. "The work is also very competitively priced and that is something our visitors can't resist, he has a super collection of something for everyone and all would grace any home." Dan's show will run until Saturday, February 25.

Featuring photography is a new departure for the gallery. The idea started when, for the first time in its 53 year history, the gallery's annual Royal Academy-style Essex Open Exhibition, included a category for photography.

The natural progression was to turn one space within the building over to this relatively modern art form, with more promised over the next few months, including the award winning photographer, Ian Treherne.

To enter the Essex Open, forms are available at the gallery and online at [www.southendmuseums.co.uk](http://www.southendmuseums.co.uk)

ON DISPLAY: Alexander Chapman, from the Beecroft Gallery, takes a closer look at the exhibition on show by photographer, Dan Beecroft.

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Mike Hall and his band will be playing for the third time at the theatre with both previous performances being a great success.

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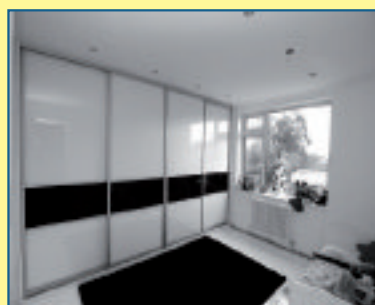
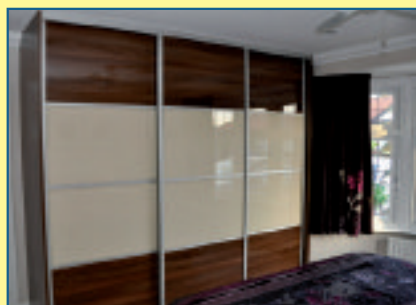
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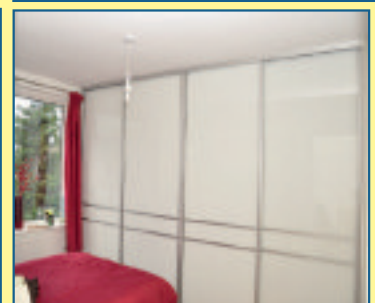
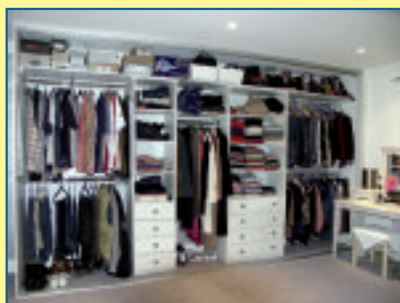
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## Housing group staff join police scheme

By Paul Giles

SOUTH Essex Homes (SEH) have joined the growing list of members of Essex Police's Community Safety Accreditation Scheme (CSAS).

The five members of staff have undergone an extensive training and vetting procedure and passed Essex Police's strict guidelines in order to be accepted under the scheme.

They join nine other mem-

bers of SEH staff who have previously been accredited.

These officers now have powers to deal with underage drinking and anti-social behaviour, by taking the names and addresses of those involved.

Accredited members of staff will wear a nationally approved badge and hold an identification card, stating their name and confirming the powers they have been granted.

Jenny Ayres, CSAS officer, congratulated South Essex

Homes and its personnel.

She said: "The members of staff have worked hard to gain accreditation and have displayed dedication to helping the local community by training up on how to deal positively with anti-social behaviour."

"The commitment that South Essex Homes has shown to working with Essex Police, by putting forward so many members of their staff for CSAS accreditation, should be congratulated."



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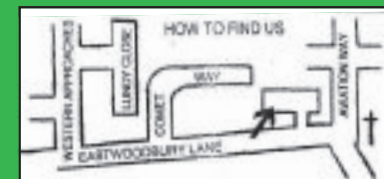
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# Rochford Council faces lawsuit over its 'unlawful' Core Strategy

A COMPANY attempting to build houses on Rochford Green Belt has filed a lawsuit against the council's Core Strategy.

The lawsuit, filed with the High Court by Cogent Land LLP, alleges that the council had acted 'unlawfully'.

Cogent Land LLP currently has an outline planning application pending, seeking to build 251 dwellings on land south of Coombes Farm.

A statement released by the company said the lawsuit was two-pronged.

It claimed that the council had 'failed to adequately assess' which locations were more suitable and environmentally sustainable for future housing growth.

The statement said: "Cogent alleges that the council acted unlawfully in failing to properly assess all reasonable alternatives for future growth at the appropriate stage in the development of the Core Strategy."

The lawsuit

includes a second allegation that Eric Pickles, Secretary of State for communities and local government, also failed in his duties.

A spokesperson for Rochford Council declined to comment on the lawsuit, but a statement on the council website said: "Until the challenge is determined, the whole of the Core Strategy has full effect as adopted."

Mr Pickles said: "Well, these things happen all the time. I'm constrained by law from saying much, but we'll see what happens in court."

The Coalition Government has changed planning rules around Green Belt development, which mean local authorities must now adopt a 'pre-

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# Baby competition winner revealed



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Picture by Mark Cleveland

CALUM-James Hilton has won the Yellow Advertiser/Royals Baby Competition.

Mum Michaela Parry and dad James Hilton collected the trophy from Royals Centre manager Dawn Jeakings and YA sales manager Ken Todd on Friday.

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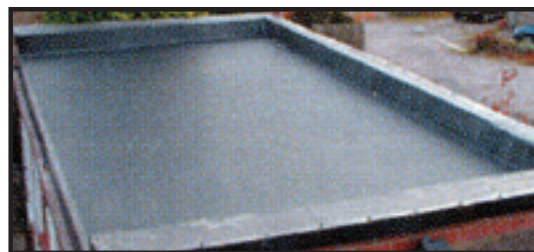
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The two fire crews managed to extinguish the fire by 9.34pm, using breathing apparatus and one hose reel. They said the property was 10 per cent fire damaged but completely smoke damaged.

The arsonists broke into the shop by damaging a window, then started two fires.

Mrs Falltrick said the fire came just two weeks after a burglary, during which thieves trashed the salon.

She said: "It looks like someone was determined to put us out of business for a

while. They set fire to all our stock.

The worst part is that there are people who live in the flats above the salon with children. So it's really quite serious. They could have killed someone.

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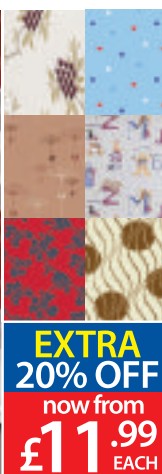
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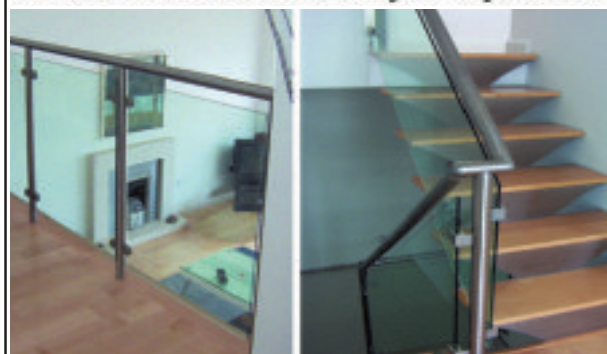
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# London not complying with air quality rules

**EXCLUSIVE by Peter Henn**

LONDON is taking advantage of a legal technicality to avoid EU air quality rules in Olympic year.

When the Games were awarded in 2005, the capital signed a contract with the International Olympic Committee, which said it had to comply with European Union regulations.

The European Commission confirmed on Monday that the it had not done so.

A spokesman said: "There is widespread PM10 and NO2 non-compliance."

Pollutants cause reduced lung capacity and make pre-existing conditions, such as asthma and heart problems, worse.

A report by the GLA issued last year said 4,267 people in London died prematurely in 2008 because of PM10s and NO2s.

Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, and the Coalition Government are jointly responsible for meeting air quality rules.

London has been able to avoid EU and IOC regulations by exploiting a loophole.

Regions within the European Union are allowed to defer compliance for a period of time if they have an 'action plan' in place.

London took out a deferment in 2010, which ran out in June last year, so it was allowed to pollute more than it should have.

But because air quality is measured on a calendar year, London was permitted to say it was

unable to meet the required targets for the whole year, because of the deferment.

This meant London could claim it had met the EU directive, even though it had not hit the targets set out in the legislation.

The IOC has told London to clean up its act, or face losing 20 per cent of broadcasting revenue from the Olympics.

Andrew Mitchell, IOC spokesman, said this week that officials were working with London to solve the problem.

He explained: "Safe and healthy competition conditions for athletes are a top priority for everyone involved in the Games as at previous editions of the Games."

"The IOC is working with the local organisers

and public authorities to ensure this is the case this summer."

The Mayor's Office was unable to comment at the time of going to press.

■ THE Greater London Assembly's Green group said it was worried about the issue.

Spokesman Ian Wingrove said 2011 had been one of the worst years for air quality in London, and he was concerned action had not been taken.

He said: "There are people dying because politicians, of all sides, have not taken enough action to make our air cleaner."

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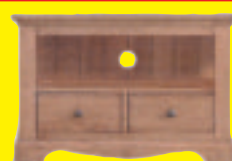
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## Opinion and readers' letters

### Have you lost SD card?

A WHILE before Christmas I found a 1GB ScanDisc SD card in Southend High Street. The card has many family photographs on it covering the period from 2008 to 2011. I would like to reunite the card with the owner?

**Derek Murphy**  
Leigh on Sea

#### Editors Note:

If you think this is yours please call the editorial team on 07947 160007.

### Audible signals needed for the blind

AS A campaigner it was great news to learn that pedestrian crossings will be marked out at City Beach. However the comments of Councillor Longley - "This is exactly what we wanted" - is a total disregard to Southend Pensioners and the National Federation of the Blind who campaigned for a crossings with audible signals. Without audible signals that have been in use since 1957, the City Beach area and Victoria Circus is a no go area for the blind!

This is totally unacceptable. I had the pleasure of accompa-

nying Jill Allen-King OBE on December 15 when she presented to full council a petition of 1,583 signatures from Southend residents, originally we had more than 3,000 but visitors signatures were not allowed. At full council I was encouraged to hear support from some of our Councillors who included Ian Gilbert, Rick Morgan, Blain Robin, Chris Walker, Martin Terry and Councillor Kay who I quote "Close our eyes and think of the blind, think disability please!"

Disability and Audible Signals have been a safety aid for the past 55 years to help the visually impaired, blind and vulnerable to cross safely.

Councillor John Lamb's statement "We will listen to the expert" is ludicrous, as John Dales is not blind and therefore not a genuine expert having no personal experience of crossing a road without sight. How pompous then that the sighted John Dales believes he knows best for those in society with impaired vision stating there is no necessity for audible signals.

Personally having collected more than 2,400 signatures for Southend Pensioners and the National Federation for the Blind I would like to reassure all concerned that if Southend Council do not open their eyes to our vulnerable citizens then I will continue to campaign. I would like to thank the many people who signed the petition, and the traders on the sea front who gave me support. And we must all remember that it was

the SKIPP committee who organised the magnificent and legal demonstrations in aid of our vulnerable people. But none have worked harder than Jill Allen-King OBE who is the real expert, and who the council should be taking their advice from.

**Tony Chytry**  
Southend

### Appalled that the debate rumbles on

IN REPLY to John Haran's letter regarding the Hospice Application. As an ex-District Nurse I am appalled that this debate still rumbles on. The Hospice application was turned down and in my opinion quite rightly.

Mr Haran argues that the Southend United Stadium application was granted on green belt land.

Well then, let the Hospice apply for the green belt land at Fossett Farm. I believe there was an approved application for a private hospital in that area. It is questionable just who the Hospice management is accountable.

I worked for the NHS community service in Southend until 2010 and question how the proposed plans for the new Hospice are going to adequately serve

the needs of the local population. The plans seem to be more of a commercial enterprise. Move the proposal to Fossett Farm and increase the amount of beds to this facility.

**Denise Manning**  
Leigh on Sea

### Old B&Q site would be great for a market

WITH all the various projects in process in our town, the old B&Q site in Southend would be a marvellous opportunity to provide a new dimension for developers.

I refer to a permanent undercover market with multiple outlets such as the one in Chelmsford, which many Southenders like myself travel to. They have a Thursday antiques venue there also in addition to the regular stalls.

It is an extremely enjoyable and interesting day out and we have all the facilities available at the old B&Q site with parking and access to rail travel, to do likewise. The Rayleigh shopping hall is also a good example. If the town planners had occasion to visit the Chelmsford market and saw the diverse nature of it I'm sure it would give much food for thought.

**Hazell Owen**  
Leigh-on-Sea

### What about the views of the quieter folk?

WHILE Southend Borough Council is well-enough disposed to take into account the loudly broadcast views of certain residents when this amounts to too much disquieting interest in its affairs, it appears to be utterly incapable of reading the signs of more quiet content writ altogether much larger for all that.

Take the 20,000-strong petition gathered over eight weeks towards the end of last year in support of a proposed adult hospice on a scrubby end-wedge of green belt by Leigh Station for instance.

This was universally dismissed by planning officer-relieved councillors of all shades only too eager to get off the hook of 537 letters and emails from those who have had their politically-aware barbs into them ever since this proposal was first mooted to some small localised fury two years before the recommendation to reject was forthcoming.

But what of the more recent calmly signed-up majority hereabouts that councillors are thus refusing to take into account by their puzzlingly united stance here?

And what of the Localism Bill

- whereby whole communities are to be given much more say in planning issues like this which should loosen the inordinate hold on the local government ear so tightly gripped by the usual suspects to the exclusion of others at the moment - which is due to arrive at the civic centre in a few weeks time?

It's no joke and could make collective fools of them all on April 1 when it comes to town.

For our local representatives must do better than listen only to a well-organised vocal minority lead by an ex-Southend and County Councillor - who knows his way around the political block - both from the beginning and his Marine Parade residence overlooking the proposed site who promised the present incumbents that 'all hell' would break out over this and, in a small way by comparison, it has.

But thousands of less well-connected petitioners both from around the proposed site and across the borough deserve better than such a one-sided hearing as this from their council, Mike King's extraordinarily exercised efforts notwithstanding.

Moreover, this new bill comes with newly-granted permission for councillors to openly express their views on this and other like issues before they come before the Development Control Committee in future.

Something that may or may not please a certain substitute member of said committee hereabouts atop the coach and horses he has hitherto driven unhindered through an admittedly ridiculous local government ruling in any case.

And Councillor Peter Wexham will, I'm sure, readily acknowledge that it's good to talk openly about these things.

Because this proposal has obviously been thoroughly discussed - and then some - behind the scenes for councillors to present a publicly united front four-square against it as they have.

Let's all do it in the open now, it won't go away, far too many residents are in agreement with this enlightened planning proposal.

**John Haran**  
Leigh-on-Sea

### Crackdown needed on those driving on the pavement

IT HAS been reported that Southend Council was about to crack down on motorists who park their vehicles on footpaths which is something long overdue.

However, there is no mention of taking any action in respect of the many residents who have an area of land at the front of their property where they regularly drive their cars, over the

pavement from the road, (which has not been strengthened as a crossover) causing damage to the pavements.

It happens throughout the Borough but, if you want photographs, there are some 40 or 50 examples of this in one road alone - Fairfax Avenue.

**Name and address supplied**

### Are we headed for a double dip recession?

ARE the Tories and Liberals about to plunge us into a double-dip recession? Does Chris Huhne have a driving license? Does Eric Pickles know the way to Greggs? George Osborne said 'the government have taken Britain out of the financial danger zone, and set our economy on the path to recovery'.

The economy was flat-lining. Now it is shrinking. Of the major economies, only earthquake hit Japan has lower growth.

The last six months under Labour gave us more growth than under 18 months of the Tories and Liberals.

David Cameron's excuses included the Royal Wedding and the cold winter of 2010/11. Pathetic.

Most economists agree recession is inevitable. Now the International Monetary Fund agree the cuts are too far and too fast, and warn against a return to 1930s depression. Where is Osborne's plan for growth?

The Tories and Liberals said clearing the deficit by 2015 was all that mattered.

Now they've admitted they'll fail. Savage cuts have strangled growth, increased unemployment and welfare bills, and reduced tax receipts, thereby making deficit reduction harder.

Roosevelt got America out of the depression not by cutting recklessly but by investing in the New Deal to get people back to work. Growth helped Roosevelt reduce the deficit.

That's not deficit denial. Remember, Labour paid off much of Britain's long-term debt between 1997 and 2007.

Nor is Ed Balls a serial spender. He was the architect of Labour's (honored) pledge to stick to Tory spending plans between 1997 and 1999. Now the Tories and Liberals are borrowing £158 billion more than planned.

They argue borrowing is reckless if done to generate growth and get people back to work, but OK if paying for more people on welfare and unemployment. How crazy is that when you think about it?

Labour are right to accept some coalition cuts and to keep many if they win in 2015. Labour will have to salvage the economy they inherit, however damaged.

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## UFO over Southend?

CANVEY coastguard Gary Fulger thinks he might have caught a UFO on film.

Gary, of Surig Road, unwittingly filmed the object flying over Priory Park but spent more than 18 months researching before going public.

He said: "I didn't want to look like an anorak. I wanted to see if I could identify it first."

Gary was in the park with his wife on July 24, 2010, when he saw an object in the sky and filmed it.

Looking through the footage later he decided that the object was a helium balloon.

However, while watching the footage frame by frame, he noticed another object shoot

through the sky in the background.

"It crosses the screen in the wink of an eye, like a bullet," said Gary. "There's no noise and no vapour trail. I can zoom in on my TV and it doesn't look like there's a tail fin, either."

The object crosses the sky in less than a second, remaining on screen for just 16 frames. It moves so quickly that it is impossible to get a clear image of it.

He said: "I've been a coastguard since the 1990s so I know all about weather phenomenon and Chinese lanterns. It's not either of those and it's much too fast to be a plane. The only thing I could compare it to is a cruise

missile – but faster."

Gary said he was mainly concerned about air safety and had even reported the sighting to Castle Point MP, Rebecca Harris.

He said: "This thing's humping it across the sky in commercial airspace. If another plane comes into its path, it's not exactly going to be able to do a hand-brake turn."

He added: "I'm not saying it's little green men. I'd just like to know what it was. Maybe someone else has seen or filmed something similar, or maybe they were filming the same thing that day."

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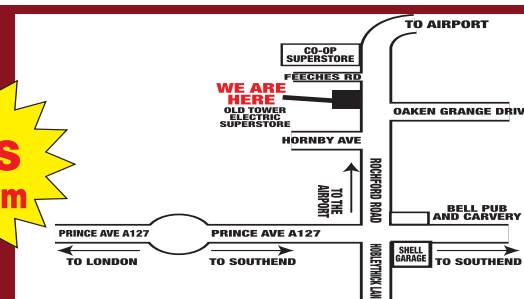
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# Essex Police investigation ruled as 'seriously flawed'

**By Peter Henn**

AN ESSEX Police investigation into the death of a man was 'seriously flawed', a watchdog has ruled.

The Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) said the Essex force's investigation into the death of Lee Balkwell in 2002 was blighted by poor police work, inadequate investigation and gaps in evidence.

Now the IPCC has upheld 11 allegations against eight separate officers from Essex Police, and partially upheld eight more, made by Mr Balkwell's father, Les.

Mr Balkwell, 33, of Jersey Road, Elm Park, was found dead in a cement mixer at Baldwin's Farm, in Dennis Lane, South Ockendon, on July 18, 2002. No one has ever been charged in connection with his death.

An inquest in 2008 reached a verdict of unlawful killing through gross negligence, but his family believe Lee, who had become a father to Henry only 17 weeks before his death, was murdered.

IPCC commissioner, Rachel Cerfontyne, praised Les Balkwell's 'persistence and determination', and said it was down to his work that the circumstances of the investigation into his son's death were being looked into.

She said: "The all important first hours of this investigation, where vital evidence must be preserved, had been lost. The failure of the investigation at that early stage has left evidential gaps, which may never be filled.

"I am deeply impressed by both Mr Balkwell's passion and commitment – which few could have sustained – and deeply saddened that he has had to go to such lengths to get his valid demands properly addressed. I would like to pay tribute to his endurance and tenacity, but I am also very aware of the cost to him and his family.

"This situation should never have been allowed to develop to this stage."

The report also found that the investigation was 'mired in assumption', and officers had 'failed to treat the death with an open mind'.

Les Balkwell, of Abbs Cross Lane, Hornchurch, said he was pleased with the report, and hoped he would be able to get justice for his son.

The 65-year-old said: "This report has shown what we've believed all along – that Essex Police did not deal with my son's death properly.

"I want to get justice for Lee, and I would not want anyone to have to go through what my family has gone through."

The grandfather-of-six has claimed the failures of Essex Police were partially down to corruption, a claim the report has not substantiated.

Ms Cerfontyne wrote: "Whilst our investigation has provided evidence of poor police work, we have found no evidence to support any allegations of corruption or a conspiracy theory.

"However in the light of Essex Police's prolonged failure to fully address his concerns, it is perhaps understandable how and why Mr Balkwell reached such conclusions himself."

A review into the investigation, carried out by West Midlands Police, made more than 90 recommendations to Essex Police over the case. The review into the investigation into the murder of Stephen Lawrence had 25.

The Kent and Essex Serious Crime Directorate is carrying out a criminal investigation into Mr Balkwell's death, under the leadership of officers from Kent Police. If you can help, call 01634 884032 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



**SEEKING JUSTICE: Lee Balkwell's father, Les, in a press conference on Monday.**

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## Countryside fights back

**LIZ WADE escapes the M25 madness for a stroll in Folkes Lane Woodland in Cranham**

**W**HILE the coming of the M25 left an area of Cranham rather noisy, there is a project that will eventually block out some of this unwelcome din from a local country lane.

Years ago, before the busy motorway was built in the 1980's, I used to cross a much quieter A127 arterial road from Cranham to Folkes Lane to head for the local stables.

Now, the stables are long gone and the M25 is getting even wider, but a project by the Forestry Commission and Thames Chase is putting the countryside back into Folkes Lane.

Folkes Lane Woodland, was launched in 2002 and 10 years later it is blossoming into a little haven for visitors and wildlife alike. The woodland replaces former arable fields around a steep hill at the top of the lane.

Folkes Lane Woodland was formed from four fields, known as Slaughterhouse, 29-acre, Fordhams and Beredens, which were all part of the former Beredens Manor.

The manor was first recorded in 1350, when a Peter de Workyden rented it from the area's larger Wokydon Episcopi manor. After his death his daughters sold their rights to the property to John de Bereden, and the estate was named after him when he bought it outright in 1363.

The epidemic of the Black Death devalued the land and it passed through a number of freeholds and owners before it was bought by the Rand family, and it grew from 52 acres to 213. It changed owners several more times before the house became known as Bellevue by 1839.

The estate was divided and sold in 1865 and the house survived right up to 1940, before being destroyed during the Second World War by Luftwaffe bombs.

While the house and estate are long gone, and both the A127 Arterial Road, built in the 1930's and the later construction of the M25 have divided the area,

some of the estate's land will remain for years to come at Folkes Lane Woodland.

The woodland can be found at the top of Folkes Lane, where there is a small car park. From here there are plenty of pathways to explore, either on foot or bike, where you can wander around the maturing woodlands.

There are both gentle walks to enjoy as well as more demanding ones, thanks to its hill, but it is well worth the effort as there are amazing views when you get there.

The area offers fantastic views from the top of the hill, where you can see south over the River Thames to the North Downs, and west across London's Docklands and Canary Wharf, on to the Millennium Dome and as far as the London Eye.

A picnic area at the top offers a nice place to relax with the family, while there are many other benches dotted along the pathways offering places to take a break.

Its hard surfaced pathways are also ideal for cyclists who want to explore the area, and there is a pedestrian bridge over the M25 into Great Warley allowing you to explore country lanes

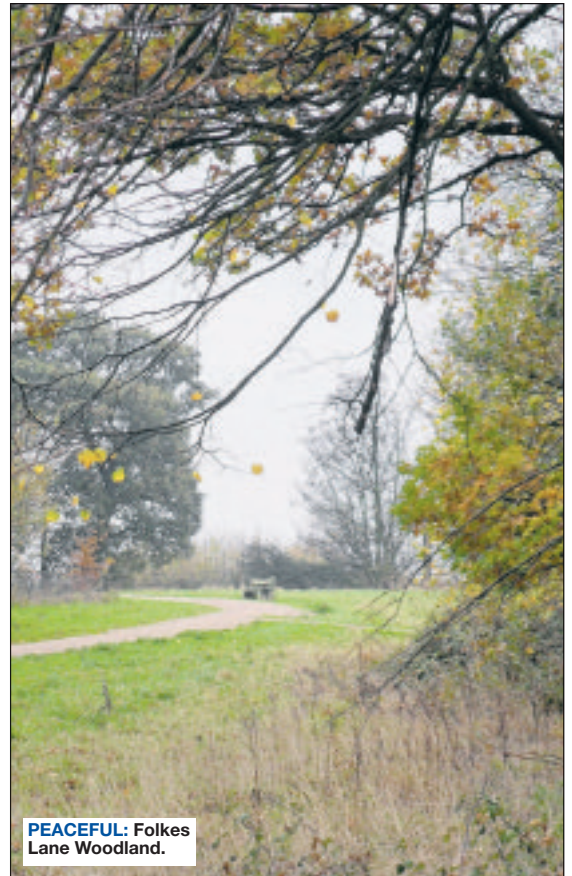
in Brentwood, or head down the hill to Upminster Common. While the M25 divided the site when it cut through the hill between Cranham and Great Warley the name Beredens is still connected to the area thanks to Beredens Lane, which is on the other side of the footbridge.

A small pond by the car park offers a wet area for amphibians, while another part of the woodland stretches across the other side of the car park, and follows Folkes Lane around the bend in the road.

More than 90,000 native trees have been planted on the site, which have been slowly growing for a number of years.

Eventually, when they are fully grown they will help screen out the motorway's roars from users of the forest and the surrounding community.

The only down side to the woodlands is that there are no toilet facilities and there is a lack of a play area for children to enjoy. But saying that, I think it is still worth a visit as it is exceptionally quiet – referring to the number of visitors, rather than the M25 – so you are guaranteed an undisturbed stroll or cycle ride unlike some other bustling parks.



PEACEFUL: Folkes Lane Woodland.

### fact file - Folkes Lane

■ **DIRECTIONS:** Folkes Lane can be found off the A127 just before its junction with the M25. Head east along the A127 from Romford towards Southend. Just before you reach junction 29 of the M25, turn left onto Folkes Lane. The Woodland is at the top of the road, where you

will find a small car park.  
■ **OPENING TIMES:** The parking area is open as you would expect, the gates are locked around dusk, but the forest itself is open all hours.  
■ **ENTRANCE:** Free.  
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- Christian Orthodox Church of Basildon, celebrating Holy Liturgy, 10.45am, St Basil's Catholic Church, Luncies Road, first Saturday of each month, all welcome, George 01268 410247 or Paul 01207 305527.
- Breakfast at Trinity's, Parish Centre, Rectory Road, Rayleigh, 9.30am-1pm, full English breakfast menu with alternative choices, facilities for children, groups catered for call 01268 742151.
- Surgery, Clin John Schofield, Westley Heights Division, at Basildon Library, Bas Centre, Basildon, 10-11am.
- Meeting, SE Essex Branch of Essex Society for Family History, Avenue Baptist Church, Milton Road, Westcliff, a talk by Matthew Pridham 'Resources at the London Family History Centre', 2.30pm, helpdesk and bookstall available from 1.30pm, visitors welcome. 01702 522992.
- Meeting, Thames Estuary Lane, St Thomas Moore Hall, Hadleigh, 10am-4pm, members £3, non-members £4.50, bring packed lunch, coffee/tea provided, supplier: Jean Milton; speaker: F Feathers on 'Genealogy', 01702 556034.
- Quiz Night, St Michael's Church Hall, Mount Avenue, Leigh, 7.30pm, £5, bring own drinks and nibbles, 07763 886669.
- Basildon Keyboard Club Concert, James Hornsby High School, Nicholas Lane, Basildon, Jon Smith playing Wersi and Tyros, 8pm, £5 including interval refreshments. 01268 415506.
- 14th Annual Evening of Song, St Nicholas Church, Long Road, Canvey, 'The Leigh Orpheus Male Voice Choir', 7.30pm, tickets £6.50, concessions £5, available from Parish Office 01268 511098.
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Sunday Club, TGH Evangelical Church, Kin Road, Thurderley, (children 3-12 years), Bible stories, craft, singing, every Sunday 10.45-11.45am, no charge, 01702 554904.

### Monday, February 6

- Jazz, Oakwood, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, Ron Spack's Jazztet with Graham Hunter trumpet/Chris English keyboard, 8.30pm. 01702 512819.
- Meeting, Benfleet Camera Club, St George's Church Hall, Rushbottom Lane, Benfleet, 'League Competition', 8pm-10pm.
- Duplicate Bridge at Balmoral Bridge Club, Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh (opposite Thames Drive), Mondays 1.15pm-4.30pm and Tuesdays 7pm-10.30pm, call Vernon on 01702 343611 or Tony 01702 520993.
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### Sunday, February 5

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Pensioners Stall, York Road Outdoor Market, Southend, all tops, skirts and trousers all at £1 each, every Monday and Thursday 8am-2pm.

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Scrabble Club, Wesley Methodist Church Hall, Elm Road, Leigh Broadway, (opposite police station), friendly club, all standards welcome, every Monday 7-10pm, £2.50, just turn up or call 01268 727915.

### Tuesday, February 7

- Meeting, Eastwood Cockethurst Townswomen's Guild, Eastwood Community Centre, 7.30pm, new members welcome.
- National Federation of the Blind, Southend Branch, meet on first Tuesday every month, call Jill Allen-King on 01702 477899.
- Racquet Rascals, Our Lady Church Hall, London Road, Wickford, Tuesdays 4.30pm and Fridays 3.30pm, racquet classes for 3-7 years, further details 01268 544324.
- Social Afternoon, Civil Service Retirement Fellowship, Thorpedene Community Centre, Delaware Road, Shoeburyness, 2-4pm. 01702 342426.

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■ New Art Class, Women's Institute Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, with artist Paul Alcock, 1-3pm, details 01702 615475.  
■ Pathfinders Blind and Partially Sighted Group meets every Tuesday and Friday, Fryers Baptist Church, Whitmore Way, wide range of activities and outings, Tuesdays 9.30am-2pm and Fridays 10am-2.30pm.  
■ Heirloom Bears, The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, every Tuesday 10am-noon. 01268 465854.  
■ Chess, The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, every Tuesday 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.  
■ Singles Social Group, meets The Meadow Lark, Artillery Avenue, Shoebury (just past Asda roundabout), age group 50-65, every Tuesday 8pm. 07752 613021.  
■ Singles Friendship Club for 50 plus, South Benfleet Social Club, every Tuesday 8.15pm, further details Maureen 01268 692998.  
■ New and Nearly New Stall, outside St Martin's Church, Town Centre, Basildon, facing the gardens (if wet in church foyer), every Tuesday 10am-noon.  
■ Table Top Sale, Outpatients Foyer, Southend Hospital, every Tuesday 9.30am-3pm, Breathe Easy Southend, helping support people with lung problems. 01702 258661.  
■ Social Tea Dance, Ashingdon Memorial Hall, Ashingdon Road, Ashingdon, Tuesdays 2-4pm. 01702 230480.  
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■ Tuesday Luncheon Club, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled, Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff, for people living alone or with their carers, further details 01702 478691/525141/340617.  
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■ Shoebury Flagship, Rainbow Children's Centre, Friars School, Constable Way, Shoebury, every Tuesday 1.30-3.30pm, health visiting team offering activities, advice and support for parents with babies and children aged up to 5 years. 01702 577656.  
■ Cherrydown Children's Centre, 4 Cherrydown West, Basildon, Toddler

Development (9-18 months), 10-11.30am; Baby Development (0-9 months) 10-11.30am; Healthy Snack 11.30pm-noon; Breastfeeding Support Group noon-2pm.

## Wednesday, February 8

■ Meeting, Essex Handicrafts Association, St Barnabas Church Hall, Hadleigh, 'Social Evening', 7.30pm, bring your own craft/see what others are doing, visitors welcome. 01702 479862.  
■ Jazz, Belvedere Jazz and Music Club, Belvedere Golf and Country Club, Billericay, 'The Rex O'Dell All Stars', 8pm. 07850 607075.  
■ Monthly Meeting, Wickford Townswomen's Guild, Christ Church (behind Co-op), 1.30-3.30pm, visitors welcome, entry £2.  
■ Jazz Circle, Ekco Clubhouse, Thorndon Gardens, 1st right off Manners Way from Cuckoo Corner, 'Ella Fitzgerald', 8pm. 01702 295982.  
■ Meeting, Roche Art Group, St Teresa's Church Hall, located behind the Church, 109 Ashingdon Road, Rochford, Wednesdays 7.30-9.30pm, visitors welcome, further details Gill 01702 421737.  
■ Parent and Toddler Group, Crowstone Christian Centre, 91 Crowstone Road, Westcliff, 9.30-11.30am (during term time), also Thursday and Friday mornings, call 01702 352668.  
■ Advanced Computer Course, Pitsea Day Centre Over 50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, every Wednesday, 9.30-11.30am. 01268 465432.  
■ Barn Dance Club, Grand Ceilidh Club, Riga Music Bar, Milton Road, Westcliff, live music from Usual Suspects, 8.30pm. 01702 553622.  
■ Over 50s Session, Warehouse Centre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, Wednesdays and Thursdays 2-4pm, badminton and short mat bowls, session price £3.30 includes refreshments and use of equipment. 01268 779100.  
■ Leigh Singles Social Club, meet Wednesdays 8pm The Elms Pub, Leigh, age group 45-65 years, further details Sue 07917 573653.  
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■ Parent and Toddler Group, Little Angels, Steeple View Memorial Hall, Laindon, Wednesdays 1-3pm.  
■ Parent and Toddler Group, Cherrydown Children's Centre, 4 Cherrydown West, Basildon, Wednesdays 1-2.30pm.

## Thursday, February 9

■ Leigh Evening Women's Institute, meet on second Thursday of each month at St Aidan's Church Hall, The Fairway, Leigh, 7.30pm.  
■ Meeting, Westcliff National Spiritualist Church, Hildaville Drive, Westcliff, every service we have mediums that demonstrate clairvoyance, Thursdays 7.30pm and Sundays 6.30pm.  
■ Coffee, Cake and Chat, WI Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, ladies and gentlemen, join us every Thursday 2pm, further details Di 07952 148636 or Linda 07504 114762.  
■ Stalls in Outpatients Department, next to post box, Southend Hospital, books, bric-a-brac, hand knits etc, every Thursday 8.30am-3.30pm, all proceeds to Bosom Pals Appeal.  
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■ Dance About, St Mark's Church Hall, Princes Street, Thursdays 7-8pm, all kinds of music and dancing.  
■ Tea Dance, St James' Church Hall, Elmsleigh Drive, Leigh, ballroom, Latin and sequence, every Thursday 2-4.15pm. 01702 216726.  
■ Ceramics, The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, every Thursday 2-4pm, further details 01268 465854.  
■ Why not try Carpet Bowls, The Salvation Army Hall, Elm Road, Leigh, Thursdays 2-4pm, £4, first 3 weeks free, details 01702 553546.  
■ Short Mat Bowls, Willows Park, James Hornsby School, Leinster Road, Laindon, every Thursday 7.30pm, first 3 weeks free, details 01277 625027.  
■ Clairvoyance, Shoebury Spiritual Centre, The Sandpiper Community Centre, Sandpiper Close, Shoebury, Thursdays 8-10pm, free healing, admission £3. 01702 476087.  
■ Healing, The Cedars, Castle Road, Rayleigh, fully trained healers by Essex Healers Association, Thursdays 10-11.30am, all welcome.

## Friday, February 10

■ An Evening of Mediumship, Great Misley Scout Hut, Vange, Basildon, with 'Keith Thompson', 7.30-9pm.  
■ Art Class, Leigh Sailing Club, Old Leigh, 10.15am-12.15pm. 01702 307173.  
■ Art Club, Studio at back of Beauty Essence Salon, 122 Alderney Garden, Runwell, Wickford, every Friday 10am-1pm, £3 per session to cover room hire, tea/coffee provided, all standards welcome, further details Carole 01268 560005.  
■ Drama Classes, Helen O'Grady Drama Academy, The Stables, Chalkwell Park Drive, Leigh, not a stage school, designed to increase children's life skills, Fridays after school, to enrol call Dina 01245 328680.  
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■ Table Tennis, Laindon Community Centre, Aston Road, off High Street, for over 50s, any standard, friendly group, every Friday 11am-1pm, free parking. 07931 564105.  
■ Table Tennis, St Andrew's Church Hall, Church Road, Shoebury, every Friday 2-4pm. 01702 296708.  
■ Table Tennis, Markhams Chase Sports Centre, Basildon, every Friday 2pm, £2.50 per session.  
■ Modern Sequence Tea Dance, St James' Church Hall, Elmsleigh Drive, Leigh, Fridays 1.45-3.45pm, details Henry 01702 293794.  
■ Stone Carving, Sculpture plus Lettering, Studio Workshop, 39a West Road, Shoebury, professional tuition, traditional tools, Fridays 8-10pm, details Jim Davis 01702 292867.  
■ Evening of Clairvoyance, St Edmunds Hall, St Edmunds Close, (off Pantile Avenue), Southend, Fridays 8pm, healing from 7pm.  
■ Clairvoyance, Hockley Old Fire Station, Southend Road, Hockley, (next to Spa Pub), visiting mediums, Fridays 7.30-9.30pm.  
■ Southend Chess Club, Thorpe Bay Bridge Club, The Old School House, Southchurch Boulevard, Southend, Fridays 7.30pm, new members welcome, beginners or experienced players. 01702 345902.  
■ Chess, Cedar Centre, Castle Road, Rayleigh, Fridays, 7.30pm onwards, all ages and abilities welcome, details Derek Stockings 01268 772923.  
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- \* Occupying a bold corner plot
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- \* Multi aspect UPVC conservatory
- \* Well appointed kitchen

- \* 3pce shower room
- \* Two dual aspect double bedrooms
- \* Extensively stocked & landscaped gardens to front, flank & rear
- \* Detached double garage/workshop
- \* UPVC double glazing
- \* Upgraded gas central heating



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**THUNDERSLEY £243,000**

- \* Located in exceptionally quiet turning
- \* Close to Thundersley village
- \* Spacious semi detached house
- \* Four bedrooms
- \* Ground floor 3pce bathroom
- \* Lounge with feature fireplace

- \* Separate dining room/sitting room
- \* Substantial kitchen/diner
- \* Fully tiled 3pce shower room
- \* Double length garage
- \* Being offered in good decorative order



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**THUNDERSLEY £219,995**

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- \* West facing rear garden, detached garage, 16' workshop with power & lighting



SOLE  
AGENTS



**DAWS HEATH £319,995**

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- \* Ground floor bathroom

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- \* One bedroom second floor flat
- \* Beautifully decorated throughout
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- \* One bedroom first floor flat
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- \* Two bed second floor flat
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**LEIGH ON SEA £895 pcm**

- \* Three bedroom mid terrace house
- \* Lounge with fireplace
- \* Fitted kitchen with white goods



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- Modern apartment
- Large open plan living area
- Two double bedrooms
- En-suite to master
- Family bathroom
- Fully integrated kitchen
- Full double glazing
- Allocated parking
- Communal gardens
- Close to station and town

## LEIGH ON SEA

£229,950



Three bedroom semi detached chalet, two separate receptions along with fitted kitchen/breakfast room and ground floor shower room as well as first floor bathroom/wc. Established rear garden, off street parking for small vehicle and integral garage. Nelson Road is situated within a sought after location of Leigh, close to local schools and amenities.

## LEIGH ON SEA

£82,500



Sorrell are delighted to offer for sale this retirement apartment situated within a sought after block within Leigh. The development has attractive communal facilities including residence lounge. The apartment offers spacious accommodation and has modern kitchen and bathroom fittings throughout.

## WESTCLIFF ON SEA

£82,500



Sorrell are favoured with instructions to offer for sale this one bedroom ground floor flat situated within central Westcliff. The property benefits from attractive views from lounge with Southern views over the bowling green as well as double bedroom, kitchen and bathroom/wc. The property also benefits from garage situated within a block. The property has full double glazing however requiring further general refurbishment throughout.

## SOUTHEND ON SEA

£159,950



We are pleased to offer for sale this spacious end of terrace family house being situated within close proximity of Temple Sutton school and Garons Park. The property provides three bedrooms with a first floor bathroom and there is a lounge with an attractive kitchen/diner with separate utility room and includes a ground floor study and spacious shower room/wc. There is off street parking and keys are held for viewing. 95% Mortgage available.

## SOUTHEND ON SEA

£140,000



Mid terrace family house being situated close to town and university. Three double bedrooms, three reception rooms, double glazing, general refurbishment required, no onward chain. Keys held for viewing.

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## SOUTHEND ON SEA

£795 pcm



Fully refurbished first and second floor maisonette, two large reception rooms, three double bedrooms, newly fitted kitchen with all integrated appliances, newly installed bathroom suite/wc with shower, full gas central heating, some double glazing, sharers considered

## LEIGH ON SEA

£1,075 pcm



Central location of Leigh is this attractive detached bungalow with off street parking and offering good sized accommodation, newly installed attractive bathroom with shower over, white suite and chrome fittings, separate wc, spacious entrance hall/dining area with fireplace, large living room with dress units and fireplace, three bedrooms (two double and one single), kitchen/diner with newly installed integrated oven and grill with four ring electric hob, stainless steel extractor fan, recess for upright fridge/freezer

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NEW  
INSTRUCTION**WESTCLIFF £177,000**

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JAN 2012**WESTCLIFF £35,000**

NORTON PROPERTIES OFFER THIS DETACHED GARAGE/WORKSHOP LOCATED JUST OFF LONDON ROAD



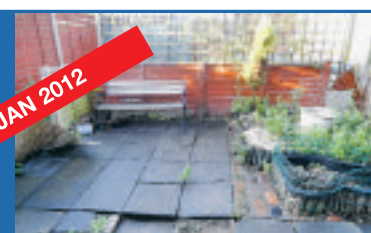
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**WESTCLIFF £159,995**

NORTON PROPERTIES OFFER THIS 3 BEDROOM MID TERRACED HOUSE, THE PROPERTY OFFERS A FITTED KITCHEN, DINING ROOM, DOWNSTAIRS BATHROOM AND A FURTHER WC TO FIRST FLOOR AND OFFERS NO ONWARD CHAIN.

SOLE  
AGENTSSOLD stc  
JAN 2012**SOUTHEND £104,950**

NORTON PROPERTIES ARE PLEASED TO OFFER THIS ONE / TWO BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR FLAT THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN THE HEART OF SOUTHEND TOWN CENTRE FOR LOCAL SHOPS AND TRAIN STATION IT OFFERS A LOUNGE, KITCHEN/DINER, OWN SECTION OF GARDEN AND SHOWER ROOM. KEYS AVAILABLE FOR VIEWINGS

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AGENTS**SOUTHCHURCH £159,995**

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JAN 2012**EASTWOOD £182,000**

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**SOUTHEND £760**

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**SHOEBURY £850**

Norton Properties offer this Four bedroom mid terraced house to rent the property has a Lounge with access to garden, Fitted Kitchen/diner, Cloakroom and is available from Feb 2012 landlord will consider housing allowance with guarantor.

TO LET

**ROCHFORD £650**

Norton properties offer this two bedroom listed end of terraced cottage the property has a Lounge, Kitchen and Bathroom on the ground floor with the bedrooms on the first floor and it being located in the Heart of Rochford town centre ideal for shops and local train station.

TO LET

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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA  
£205,000 OFFERS ABOVE**

Perfectly located on this favoured residential road, this delightful three bedroom house enjoys large accommodation and well proportioned rooms, ideal for a growing family.

## WHAT DOES VIEWING FEEDBACK REALLY MEAN?

Sellers often approach us after an unsatisfactory experience with another agent, particularly in relation to poor levels of feedback following property viewings.

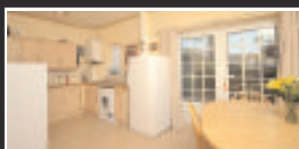
Surely prompt and constructive feedback should be a fundamental part of any estate agent's service to their clients! Only when agents understand what buyers think of a property can they deliver practical advice that will enhance its sale prospects. The agent and the seller should be working hand-in-hand to achieve the desired outcome, based significantly on buyers' comments.

We also understand the seller's anguish in simply not knowing whether a sale is imminent following a viewing.

Sometimes, feedback is obviously positive: *"When can you move out?"* is clearly a strong buying signal; *"What are the neighbours like?"*, *"Could I bring my partner round?"* or *"Will you be leaving that cupboard?"* certainly indicate that the property is a distinct possibility, and a good agent should be able to move this interest towards a firm offer.

Some feedback can be helpful in confirming whether the asking price is positioned correctly in the market. Buyers buy by comparison, and sometimes a swift price adjustment can be imperative to avoid the house going stale on the market. For example, *"The property is too small for us"* usually means, *"We have seen larger houses for the same price"*. *"The street is too busy"* usually means *"We've seen similarly priced properties in quieter streets"*.

Of course, many people are just being polite when they say, *"We'll think about it"*, or *"I'm sure you'll find a buyer easily"*. The key to good estate agency is identifying which comments point to a sale, which point to a negotiation, and which point to a problem with the price. And we think sellers deserve to know, via prompt and supportive feedback.



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£189,995**

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**SOLD IN JANUARY  
LEIGH ON SEA  
£500,000 OFFERS ABOVE**

The amazing home on Sylvan way was on the market for 374 days with another agent. We agreed a sale in 54 days!!



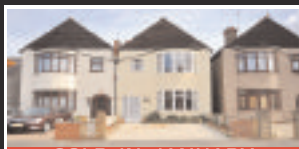
**SOLD IN JANUARY  
MANNERS WAY  
£210,000 OFFERS ABOVE.**

This traditional three bed home on Manners Way was on the market for 116 days with a previous estate agent. We agreed a sale in 50 days!



**SOLD IN JANUARY  
LEIGH ON SEA  
£240,000 OFFERS ABOVE**

This detached bungalow on Briarwood Drive was on the market for 110 days with a previous estate agent. We agreed a sale in 95 days!



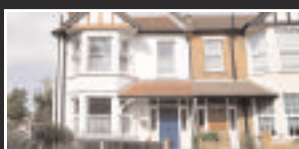
**SOLD IN JANUARY  
SOUTHCHURCH VILLAGE  
£185,000-£195,000**

This three bed character home on Ilfracombe Road was on the market for 124 days with a previous estate agent, we agreed a sale in 82 days!



**SOLD IN JANUARY  
Southend-on-Sea  
£125,000-£135,000**

The property on Roots hall drive was on the market for 202 days with a previous estate agent. We agreed a sale in 72 days!



**SOLD IN JANUARY  
SOUTHEND-ON-SEA  
£180,000 OFFERS ABOVE.**

This lovely property on St. Marys Road was on the market for 102 days with a previous estate agent. Another one sold in January!



**SOLD IN JANUARY  
SOUTHCHURCH VILLAGE  
£150,000 OFFERS ABOVE**

This large two bedroom house on "The Grove" was on the market for 99 days with a previous estate agent. We agreed a sale in 75 days!



**SOLD IN JANUARY  
LEIGH ON SEA  
£375,000-£400,000**

This large five bed house on Bonchurch Avenue was on the market for 136 days with a previous estate agent. Another one sold in January!



**SOLD IN JANUARY  
WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA  
£170,000-£180,000**

We were favoured to market this 4 bed home on Inverness Avenue. WE SOLD THE PROPERTY IN 48 HOURS. Job well done!



**SOLD IN JANUARY  
MANNERS WAY  
£170,000-£180,000**

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Ashingdon

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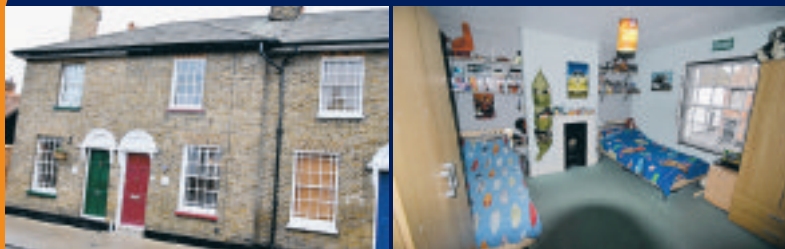


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Rochford

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# ASK THE AGENT ALAN KIRKMAN

**Q. How do estate agents justify the fees they charge?**

A. It won't surprise you to hear that this is one of the commonest questions we get asked – despite the fact that estate agents here in the UK actually charge significantly less than their opposite numbers elsewhere.

As to justifying our fees, the main point to bear in mind is that between a quarter and a third of all sales will generally fall through, whatever the state of the market. In the great majority of cases, this happens for no other reason than that one or other of the two parties involved changes their mind. And since most agents work on a no sale, no fee basis, this effectively means that we don't get paid a penny for any of the work we do on one in every three or four instructions! The fees we charge for those sales that do complete have to reflect this.

Fees could be reduced, of course, if all sellers were obliged to pay them, whether or not the sale actually happened – or if neither party were allowed to pull out of an agreed sale, other than in exceptional circumstances. Somehow though, I don't think either of these is likely to catch on, any time soon.

Alternatively, if sellers were prepared to pay upfront for marketing costs – as indeed already happens to a degree at the very top end of the market – then again, the professional fees we charge could be correspondingly reduced.

However, all this rather misses the point, which is that a decent, professional estate agent actually does a great deal for his or her money. They value the property, they give advice on how to prepare it for sale, they market it, their knowledge and experience are constantly at their client's disposal – for example, when evaluating competing offers – and ultimately, they find the buyer.

But it doesn't stop there. A good agent is normally busy right the way through to exchange – chivvying other transactions along where there is a chain involved, getting estimates for any remedial work thrown up by the survey, and so forth.

So, all in all, I believe a good agent delivers good value for money. But then, of course, I would say that, wouldn't I...



ALAN KIRKMAN is Director of Essex TEAM – part of the UK's largest branded network of independent estate agents, with 50 computer-linked offices across the county and 500 more nationwide. Managing Director of Tudor Estates in Southend, Alan has been an Estate Agent for over 25 years.

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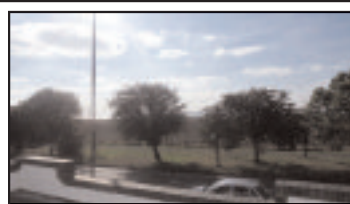
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**PRITTLEWELL £220,000**

\* DELIGHTFUL SEMI DETACHED HOUSE SET ON THE EVER POPULAR MANNERS WAY ESTATE \* Three bedrooms \* Lounge \* Dining room \* Conservatory \* Kitchen \* Bathroom & Separate wc \* Garden \* Garage \* Off street parking \* Part double glazing \* Gas central heating \* Ref: ETS4547

**Close to Hospital**



**WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA £340,000**

\* CLEVERLY EXTENDED DETACHED CHALET BUNGALOW OFFERING FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOMS \* Lounge/ Dining room \* Conservatory \* Kitchen/ Breakfast room \* Bathroom \* Garden \* Off street parking \* Double glazing \* Gas central heating \* Internal viewing highly recommended \* Ref: ETS4545

**Reduced**



**SHOEBURYNESSE £189,995**

\* ATTRACTIVE AND WELL PRESENTED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE SITUATED IN A CUL DE SAC LOCATION \* Three bedrooms \* Lounge \* Kitchen/ Diner \* Shower room \* Garden \* Garage \* Parking \* Double glazing \* Gas central heating \* Ref: ETS4492

**New Instruction**



**WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA £165,000**

\* SITUATED IN THIS POPULAR RESIDENTIAL AREA AND WITHIN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE A127 AND TESCO'S STORE IS THIS END TERRACE HOUSE \* Two double bedrooms \* Lounge/ Diner \* Sun lounge \* Kitchen \* Bathroom \* Garden \* Part double glazing \* Gas central heating \* Ref: ETS4548

**Reduced**



**SHOEBURYNESSE £114,995**

\* DELIGHTFUL STARTER HOME IDEAL FIRST TIME PURCHASE OR FOR INVESTMENT \* One double bedroom \* Lounge \* Kitchen \* Newly fitted bathroom \* Garden \* Off street parking \* Double glazing \* Gas central heating \* No onward chain \* Ref: ETS4495

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**SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £625 pcm**

\* SITUATED CLOSE TO SOUTHERN TOWN CENTRE, MAINLINE STATIONS & LOCAL BUS ROUTES IS THIS THIRD FLOOR FLAT IN ATTRACTIVE COMPLEX \* Two double bedrooms \* Lounge \* Kitchen \* Bathroom \* Parking \* Night storage heating \* Security entry phone \* Lift service \* Rent includes water & sewerage costs \* Unfurnished \* Ref: R1521

**New Instruction**

**SOUTHCHURCH £830 pcm**

\* MUCH IMPROVED SPACIOUS FAMILY HOUSE SITUATED IN POPULAR SOUTHCHURCH \* Three bedrooms \* Lounge \* Dining room \* Fitted kitchen \* Ground floor bathroom \* Separate wc \* Garden \* Off street parking \* Double glazing \* Gas central heating \* Unfurnished \* Ref R648


**Retirement Living**

**SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £550 pcm**

\* GROUND FLOOR SELF CONTAINED RETIREMENT FLAT IN WARDEN CONTROLLED BLOCK CLOSE TO MAINLINE STATION AND LOCAL AMENITIES \* One bedroom \* Lounge \* Kitchen \* Bathroom \* Residents parking \* On-site warden \* Communal lounge, kitchen, laundry & drying area \* Communal garden \* Double glazed windows \* Electric central heating \* Unfurnished \* Ref: R1735


**Spacious Living**

**WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA £625 pcm**

\* GROUND FLOOR FLAT CONVENIENT FOR HAMLET COURT ROAD AND LOCAL BUS ROUTES \* One double bedroom \* One single bedroom \* Lounge \* Fitted kitchen \* Shower room \* Own section of garden \* Gas central heating \* Unfurnished \* Ref: R703

**Refurbished Throughout**

**SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £550 pcm**

\* UNIQUE COTTAGE THAT HAS BEEN REFURBISHED THROUGHOUT SITUATED CLOSE TO PRITTLEWELL MAINLINE STATION, PRIORY PARK, BUS ROUTES & TOWN CENTRE \* One double bedroom \* Lounge \* Newly fitted kitchen \* Newly fitted bathroom \* Courtyard garden \* Part double glazed \* Gas central heating \* Unfurnished \* Ref: R1736


**Well Presented Accommodation**

**SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £675 pcm**

\* DELIGHTFUL TERRACE HOUSE CONVENIENT FOR PRIORY PARK AND PRITTLEWELL MAINLINE STATION \* Two double bedrooms \* Lounge \* Kitchen/ Breakfast room \* Bathroom \* Garden \* Mostly double glazed \* Gas central heating \* Unfurnished \* Ref: R1728


**Modern Studio**

**SHOEBURYNESS £425 pcm**

\* MODERN STUDIO FLAT CONVENIENTLY SITUATED OPPOSITE ASDA SUPERMARKET \* Studio \* Large shower room \* Residents parking \* Communal garden \* Residents parking \* Electric heating \* Unfurnished \* Ref: R308

**Close to Station & Town Centre**

**SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £625 pcm**

\* WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE TO VICTORIA MAINLINE STATION, BUS ROUTES AND TOWN CENTRE IS THIS FOURTH FLOOR FLAT WITH EXTENSIVE VIEWS \* 1/ 2 double bedroom/s \* Open plan lounge/ kitchen with integrated cooker and hob \* Bathroom \* Double glazing \* Storage heating \* Parking permit available \* Unfurnished \* Ref: R1739


**Close to Station**

**THORPE BAY £1,400 pcm**

\* WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE TO THORPE BAY BEACH AND CLOSE TO MAINLINE STATION IS THIS BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED FOUR BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE \* Two reception rooms \* Kitchen/diner with Aga oven \* Balcony \* Beautifully designed bathroom \* Off street parking for up to four cars \* Large garage \* Garden \* Unfurnished \* Ref: R1612


**Parking & Own Garden**

**SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £475 pcm**

\* FIRST FLOOR FLAT WITHIN EASY REACH OF LOCAL SHOPS & BUS ROUTES \* One bedroom \* Own front door \* Lounge \* Fitted kitchen \* Bathroom \* Double glazing \* Gas central heating \* Off street parking \* Garden \* Unfurnished \* Ref: R1043

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**PRITTLEWELL £600 pcm**

\* GOOD SIZED & RECENTLY REFURBISHED FIRST FLOOR FLAT IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO PRITTLEWELL STATION \* Two double bedrooms \* Lounge \* Newly fitted kitchen with integrated oven and hob \* Newly fitted bathroom suite \* Separate wc \* Gas central heating \* Unfurnished \* Ref: R1727



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**Thundersley Guide Price £285,000 - £295,000**

Three/Four Bedroom Detached Family Home - Extremely Sought After Location - Lounge 21'8 x 11'6 - Sitting Room/Ground Floor Bedroom 12'5 x 11'2 - Conservatory 12'10 x 9'7 - Dining Room 15'1 x 10'10 x 9'3 - Kitchen 12'0 x 11'3 - Ground Floor Cloakroom - Bedroom One 12'3 x 11'5 - Bedroom Two 13'0 x 8'1 - Bedroom Three 9'9 x 7'5 - Four Piece Bathroom Suite - Good Size Rear Garden - Off Street Parking - King John School Catchment - Easy Access Of Hadleigh Town Centre, Seevic College, Shipwrights Woods & Thundersley Glen - Sole Agents - Viewing Advised

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**Benfleet Guide Price £300,000 - £315,000**

Attractive Four Bedroom Detached Family Home - Lounge 17'10 x 11'2 - Dining Room 12'10 x 11'3 - Study 8'8 x 7'5 - Bedroom One 12'4 x 11'3 & En-Suite - Bedroom Two 13'10 x 9'7 - Bedroom Three 11'3 x 8'6 - Bedroom Four 9'5 x 7'5 - First Floor Bathroom Suite - Ground Floor Cloakroom - UPVC Double Glazing Throughout - Full Gas Central Heating - Well Maintained - Detached Garage 17'0 x 8'11 - Sought After Cul-De-Sac - Viewing Advised

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**Beresford Gardens, Hadleigh Guide Price £325,000 - £340,000**

Four bedroom detached chalet - 100ft rear garden backing onto woodland - Lounge 16'4 x 10'11 - Dining room 10'1 x 9'3 - Reception Room 11'4 x 9'0 - Open plan kitchen 10'10 x 7'10 - Conservatory 12'0 x 9'6 - Ground floor cloakroom - Bedroom one 13'6 x 9'11 - Bedroom two 18'3 x 11'9 - Bedroom three 13'7 x 9'4 - Bedroom four 9'5 x 10'6 x 8'5 - Study/nursery 8'3 x 5'5 - Bathroom \* ADT burglar alarm system \* Mostly uPVC double glazed \* Gas central heating via Valliant combination boiler \* Extremely popular and sought after location - Multi functional accommodation - Easy access of town centre, Benfleet station and Virgin lifestyle centre - Good local school catchments including Kings John & Deanes - Sole agents - Viewing advised

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**Benfleet Guide Price £200,000 - £210,000**

Extended Three Bedroom Semi Detached Family Home - Lounge 14'11 x 11'11 - Rear Reception 21'10 x 11'9 - Kitchen 10'3 x 9'0 - Lean To 5'8 x 5'0 - Bedroom One 12'8 x 11'0 - Bedroom Two 11'8 x 9'1 - Bedroom Three 8'11 x 8'7 - Bathroom - Gas Central Heating - Partly Double Glazed - Garage & Off Street Parking For Numerous Vehicles - Popular Location - Sole Agents - No Onward Chain - Viewing Advised

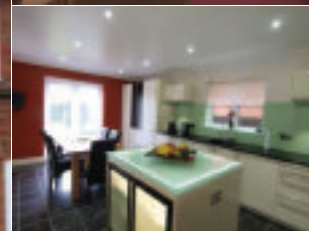
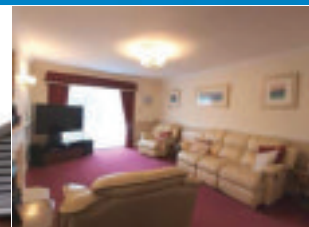
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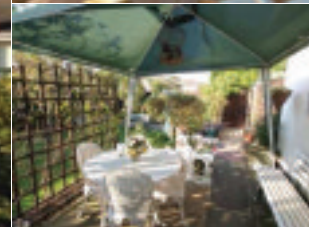
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## Benfleet £395,000

Situated on this private estate in this popular location set amongst similar detached houses in this deceptively spacious and immaculately maintained four bedroom detached family home offering a lounge, separate dining room, luxury fitted kitchen/breakfast room, study and cloakroom to the ground floor. To the first floor are four double bedrooms with the master having an en-suite shower room and four piece bathroom suite. The property benefits from an easily maintainable rear garden, off street parking and a integral garage. As stated the property is set back from the main High Road and properties on this development are rarely available so we would advise any interested parties to view at their earliest convenience to avoid disappointment.

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## Westwood Estate, Hadleigh, £260,000

Situated on the ever popular Westwood Estate being within easy access of local woodland and located on a corner plot in excess of 50' wide is this deceptively spacious and well maintained two bedroom detached bungalow. The property offers a good size lounge with adjoining conservatory which overlooks the beautiful gardens, two good size bedrooms, fitted kitchen and a three piece shower room. As stated the property benefits from beautiful gardens to the front, rear and side of the property, off street parking and ample external storage facilities including a detached garage. We would strongly advise any interested parties looking for a detached bungalow in a popular location to view internally without hesitation to avoid disappointment.

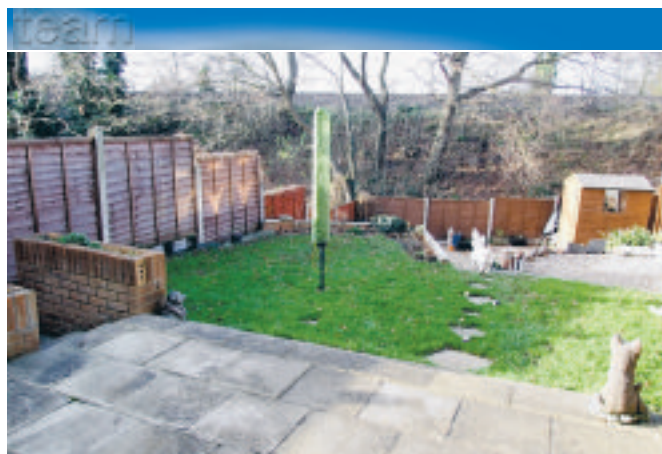
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## Rochford £79,995

A one bedroom first floor retirement apartment within a popular block which offers spacious lounge, fitted kitchen and bathroom with walk in shower bath. The property is close to local shops and bus routes and benefits from communal lounge and kitchen with communal garden and parking facilities.

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## Rayleigh £245,000

Delightful three bedroom detached family home positioned within an exclusive turning close to both Edward Francis & Fitzwimarc Schools. The properties features include spacious living space, views over the local area and a good size rear garden.

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## Eastwood £179,995

A very attractive two bedroom semi detached bungalow positioned within a most sought after area on the border of Rayleigh & Eastwood providing good access into local shopping areas and woodland. Affording good sized accommodation including spacious lounge, conservatory, double glazing and a pretty 45ft rear garden. Keys held.

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## Rayleigh £219,995

Three bedroom family home situated on the prestigious George Wimpey 'Coppice Gate' development at Rayleigh. The property benefits from being yards from the Asda Supermarket, Rayleigh Leisure Centre and St Nicholas Primary School. Internally the house offers bright, well presented living space. Early viewing advised.

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## Rayleigh £210,000 - £225,000

A charming semi detached two bedroom bungalow situated in this highly sought after established residential area convenient for all local amenities including shops, schools and bus services to surrounding areas. The property affords deceptively spacious well presented living accommodation including two separate reception rooms, fitted kitchen, fully tiled bathroom/WC, small utility room and a delightful mature rear garden. An early internal inspection is advised.

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## Rayleigh £429,950

An extremely attractive fully detached four bedroom family residence with deceptively spacious well presented living accommodation and many fine features throughout including two reception rooms, ground floor cloakroom, study, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, ensuite to master, rear garden with southerly aspect and one and a half width garage.

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## Rayleigh £229,995

An attractive two bedroom detached bungalow ideally positioned for the High Street and mainline station and within the sought after Edward Francis and Fitzwimarc catchment area. The property is offered for sale with no onward chain and benefits from spacious accommodation, detached garage and 60ft rear garden. Scope for extension into roof space (stipp).

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## Rayleigh £215,000

A delightful semi detached two bedroom bungalow situated in popular residential area convenient for High Street shops and local schools. The property offers a fitted kitchen, good sized lounge, fully tiled shower room, uPVC double glazing, good size rear garden and ample off street parking.

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## Rayleigh £250,000

An attractive fully detached double fronted bungalow affording exceptionally spacious well planned adaptable living accommodation including two/three good size bedrooms and good sized established rear garden.

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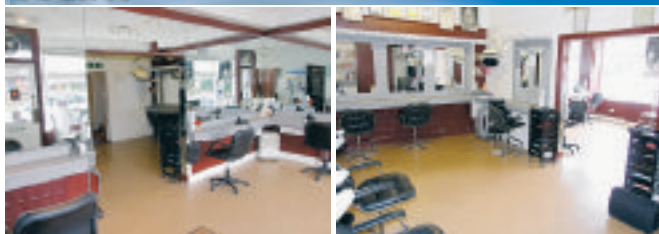
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### Leigh On Sea £825 pcm

Two bedroom house located south of Leigh Broadway within walking distance of Chalkwell train station. This property benefits from a fitted kitchen, two double bedrooms, off street parking & courtyard style rear garden. Viewings essential.

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### Hadleigh £825 pcm

Situated in this ever popular location just off Poors Lane, is this Carter ward key hole style two bedroom semi detached bungalow which has been maintained in good condition throughout and benefits from spacious accommodation & detached garage. Viewings essential.

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## LETTINGS



### Leigh On Sea £825 pcm

Two bedroom house located south of Leigh Broadway within walking distance of Chalkwell train station. This property benefits from a fitted kitchen, two double bedrooms, off street parking & courtyard style rear garden. Viewings essential.

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## LETTINGS



### Rayleigh £975 pcm

Immaculate three bedroom house situated within easy access to main road links & Rayleigh train station. This property offers modern accommodation throughout, fully fitted kitchen with dining area, cloakroom & en suite to master. Internal viewings strongly advised.

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### Light Industrial Unit Canvey Island

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### Vacant Office/Retail Unit, Westcliff

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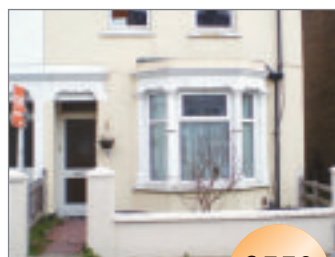
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Tudor Estates are partners with national auctioneers Network Auctions and will be holding six auctions in 2012 from their new Central London auction room at Glaziers Hall on the River Thames near London Bridge. Properties are marketed both locally and nationally and with London investors in the mix sellers can benefit from the resulting competition.

There are some key advantages to an auction sale over the normal process of private treaty: –

Transparency - all interested parties have the opportunity to bid.

Certainty - bidders exchange contracts at the fall of the gavel and sellers avoid the pitfalls of timewasters, chains and sales falling through.

Speed – sellers have complete control of the transaction.

In principal any property can be sold successfully at auction but the option is rarely discussed by estate agents due to a lack of expertise in this area. Tudor Estates offer advice on both private treaty and auction sales so find out what's best for you and your property now.

**Lots are already being taken for inclusion in the first auction of 2012 which will take place on 7th March so contact Malcolm Tuff of Tudor Estates on 01702 346818 or at [www.tudorestates.co.uk](http://www.tudorestates.co.uk) for information and advice.**



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## Major regeneration plans in Essex to go on show

Members of the general public will be given the opportunity to voice their opinions on major plans to regenerate Basildon town centre.

Plans for the £1 billion revamp of the town centre in the town centre which would include a new market, hotel, cinema, college and up to 2,000 new homes, including many affordable homes, will go on show in mid-February.

Eight areas in Basildon town centre have been earmarked for a major overhaul, including East Square, Broadmayne, the Eastgate Centre, Town Square and St Martin's Square.

According to the plans by developers Barratt Wilson Bowden, between 1,500 and 2,000 new homes have been proposed, along with 25,000sqm of offices and 40,000sqm of retail and leisure space.

Basildon Borough Council has described its plans for the next 20 years as "one of the biggest town centre redevelopments in the country".

The council said the first phase of work could be completed by 2017.

Large scale infrastructural projects generally presents property investors with a good opportunity to cash-in on improvements made to an area.

Fortunately, a number of house builders are already hard at work developing new and improved homes in Basildon.

**Persimmon Homes is developing a collection of two-three-and four-bedroom houses at Church Park. Prices range from £160,000 to £199,995.**

**Weston Homes is offering a range of one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments for sale at Cherrydown East. Prices start from £125,000 to £167,000.**

**Barratt Homes is building one- and two-bedroom homes at a development called Axis, with prices starting from £125,000.**

**Beechwood Village is Swan New Homes newest development in Essex offering a mix of contemporary one- and two-bedroom apartments and two-, three- and four-bedroom homes. Prices range from £168,000 to £234,000.**

The early sales success achieved at these developments suggest that buying a new home in Essex during the off-plan stage of construction is finally starting to prove popular again.

Early-bird homebuyers and property investors generally buy new homes off-plan in order to secure a modern brand new property at a reduced price.

Purchasing property off-plan presents an opportunity to potentially secure a new home at a discount on the retail property price, particularly during the early phases of construction, when house builders require funds to boost their cash flow.

Not only is it potentially cheaper to buy a new home off-plan, it can also be a good investment because it might be worth more by the time you move in.

Upward pressure is being placed on property prices some parts of Essex due to a general housing shortage, with residential construction levels at an historic low.

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## Tenant Question

I am writing on behalf of a friend, he's currently not working, and has had to look after his mentally ill father for many years. His Mother would have been unable to work had her husband not had support from her son, but now she is retiring from work and has said she's taking over the caring duties. Now, her son has money and has said he'd pay 6-12 months upfront to guarantee that he can meet the rent payments. However, most of the agencies have been really awkward and condescending towards him because he does not work. One of whom said (and I quote) 'if you don't work you can't get a place anywhere, end of.' I would have thought that most agencies and landlords would have been happy that there was a person willing to pay upfront?

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# Drivetime

by Andy Enright

THE VOLKSWAGEN take up! is the concept of the city car pared back to just what you need with no extraneous additions. It's keenly priced and very smartly styled, but those who want something other than the automotive equivalent of minimalist inner-city studio living might find it somewhat sparse.

Clutter. We surround ourselves with the stuff. If we're not out buying it, it's being levered through our letterboxes while television and internet surreptitiously convince us to buy stuff we don't need. I have a great admiration for those who can pare back their

lives, if not to a bare minimum, then at least to a point where it's clear that they have a very real appreciation for what's important and what's not.

This vaguely anti-consumerist message might seem a little at odds with a review of a car, often the second biggest capital purchase people make, but the Volkswagen up! (to use its officially sanctioned and horribly twee lower case and exclamation mark) is a smart, stripped back sort of car that chimes with the concept of not consuming more than you really require. The Up range replaces the unlovely Fox and the unpopular Lupo before that, so it really needs to re-establish Volkswagen's credentials as a manufacturer of desirable city cars. Of course, if you're looking to simplify your life and your car, you'll have to make do with a rather minimalist engine. Pop the bonnet

on the Volkswagen Take Up and you'll be confronted with a three-cylinder unit not much bigger than your kitchen microwave. It makes just 60bhp, so it's not what you'd call zesty. Find a long enough piece of autobahn and it will manage 100mph and 60mph will arrive in 14 seconds from a standing start. What it lacks in

## Take up! the city car concept

straight line power, it claws back in friendliness and tractability. It's a sweet engine that does its best work between about 2000 and 5000rpm which means that it can more than hold its own in city traffic.

Visibility out of the Up is also very good which helps with parking manoeuvres, as do the very short front and rear overhangs, which make squeezing into tiny bays simplicity itself. The mirrors are a decent size and the driving position is good, despite the lack of a reach adjustment on the steering column.

Handsome little thing isn't it? The proportions look just right and the kinked window line, grille-less front end and gently flared wheel arches gives the Up more impact than the usual city boxes. At just 3.54 metres in length, 1.64 metres in width and 1.48 metres in height, the Up is one of the smallest four-seater city cars, measuring a full 11cm shorter than a rival Fiat Panda. Clever packaging means that interior space is maximised. The wheelbase of 2.42m is one of the biggest in class which combine with that compact engine and lateral radiator to allow the front bulkhead and crash structures to shift forward too. There's decent room at the back too, with a 251-litre boot being a tad bigger than is typical in this class. Drop the rear seats

and this space extends to 951 litres. There's only a three-door model right at the moment but we're assured a five-door car is on the way.

The interior is colourful, with the option of painted body-coloured panels, evoking the spirit of the original Beetle. The interior design is clean and easy to get to grips with, featuring a compact centre pod for many of the minor controls. There's loads of storage and the cool dished three-spoke steering wheel frames an instrument cluster of ruthless functionality.

The 14-inch steel wheels and the black door handles and mirrors do have a certain unshowy chic about them though, and the rims, which are fitted with plastic wheel trims, will shrug off kerb impacts a whole lot better than flashy alloys. Priced from just £7,995, the Take Up which gets body-coloured bumpers, daytime running lights, front and side head/thorax airbags, a CD stereo with aux-in, rear ISOFIX points, and 14-inch steel wheels.

You'll have to manage without a split rear bench and air conditioning too and in order to save space, there's not even a spare wheel, just a can of foam and a pump to keep you going if you catch a flat.

The payback from the Take Up's minuscule engine comes at the

pumps. It'll average 62.7mpg, and even in city use it returns 50.4mpg. Get it out on the open road and a careful right foot will nurse it to well over 70mpg. Emissions are rated at 105g/km, but there is a BlueMotion eco model offered if you want to go even lower; in this case to 97g/km.

Make no mistake, the Volkswagen Take Up is a very bold car to bring to market. The cabin features about as little equipment as you could possibly get away with. The only item that has anything remotely overspecified about it is the clever clogs stereo. If you like a minimalist, pared back look and feel, you'll love this car. The clever thing is, it doesn't feel as if it's been built down to a price. It feels like a very smart piece of design that focuses on the essentials. I would still have liked to have seen air conditioning and ESP stability control on the standard kit list, but that's a personal preference.

There are rivals that are equivalently priced and better equipped. There are also competitor products that offer a sharper steer. None has quite the effortless cool of the Up though. It never feels as if it's trying too hard to win your affection. The puppyish enthusiasm of some city cars grates after a while. The Volkswagen Up merely earns enduring respect. I think you'll like it.



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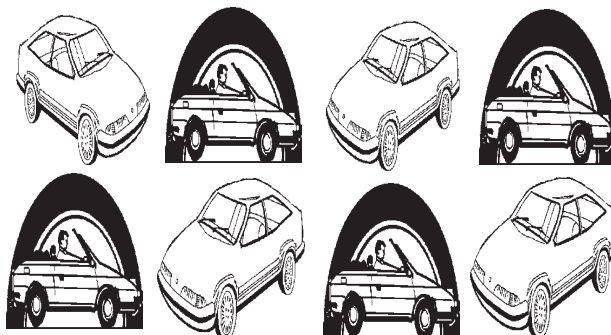
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In front of a packed house at Ponds Forge in Sheffield, the Big Cats recovered from a poor first half when they trailed 38-26 to lift the oldest piece of silverware in English basketball.

Vernon Teel picked up the Most Valuable Player award as he finished with 23 points, 13 rebounds and six assists. Ousman Krubally came up with another big double-double, finishing with 15 points and as many boards, while five of David Buchberger's 11 points came in the final 80 seconds as the Big Cats finished strongly.

Krubally and Buchberger kept Leopards on level terms heading into the final 80 seconds, but it was the latter's three-pointer with 48 seconds on the clock that finally gave Leopards some breathing space, despite a late three-pointer from the Flyers.

It's back to league action for the Big Cats on Sunday, when they host Brixton Topcats in EBL Division One, tip off 4pm.



Leopards are on a seven game winning streak, having lost nine out of their last ten as they look to challenge for the title.

Coach Dejan Mihevc said: "To win a competition like the National

Cup is always something special, because you are not allowed to lose and the champion is the team that is perfect in the whole tournament. And to do it with basically the youngest team in the league was an even bigger

challenge and great experience for all the players and everybody around them."

Tickets are available on the door. For more details, visit [www.leopards-basketball.co.uk](http://www.leopards-basketball.co.uk)

### Athletics



**RUNNING WELL:** Gemma Holloway in action on Saturday.

### Top finishes for athlete

A YOUNG athlete continues to impress following her last two meetings.

Gemma Holloway, who runs for the Thurrock Harriers, represented the club in the South of England Saucony Main Cross Country Championship in Brighton on Saturday.

Out of a field of nearly 200 runners, the 14-year-old William Edwards School pupil finished the 4k race in an impressive third place.

It came hot on the heels of her success the previous week when she won the Inter Girls race in the Essex Schools Cross Country Championship at Gloucester Park, Basildon.

Gemma beat 87 runners in the category for years 10 and 11, which also included a separate race for senior girls in years 12 and 13.

She won in 17mins23secs, just 48 seconds behind 17-year-old Jessica Judd who won the senior race.

Her next challenge will be back at Basildon this Saturday, in the Southern Schools Inter County Championship.

## Fleet hit for six while City draw with promotion rivals

### Non-League Football

IT WAS a terrible afternoon for Blue Square South tailenders Thurrock, who were thrashed 6-0 at second place Dartford on Saturday.

Elliot Bradbrook (11, 79), Danny Harris (30), James Rogers (34), Lee Burns (72) and Tony Garrod (77) were on target for the home side, leaving Fleet rock bottom, nine points from safety.

With Dartford winning, Chelmsford City dropped down to fourth place following their 1-1 draw at third place Welling United.

Max Cornhill's 14th minute strike for the Clarets was cancelled out by Loick Pires' strike two minutes before half-time.

Billerica Town maintained their lead at the top of the Ryman League Premier with a 2-1 victory over Metropolitan Police. A first half penalty from Richard Halle put Blues ahead, but Met Police equalised early in the second half through Jack MacLeod's header.

But Billericay took the three points when Dave Collis headed home.

AFC Hornchurch are two points behind in second, but left to late to beat East Thurrock United 1-0. Lewis Smith smashed in the injury-time winner.

Canvey Island came back from a goal down to win 2-1 at Lewes to keep their play-off hopes alive. Paul Booth gave the hosts the lead in the first half, but Gulls battled back after the break, Alex Rhodes levelling on 51 minutes and Bradley Woods-Garness netting the winner on 72 minutes.

Concord Rangers' great run of form continued, smashing five past bottom side Horsham. Tony Stokes (16, 60, 81) hit a hat-trick with Sherwin Stanley (45) and Mitch Hahn (84) netting further goals.

Aveley's relegation hopes took a hit, losing 3-1 at home to fellow strugglers Tooting & Mitcham

United. A double from Connor French and Steve Ferguson's goal sealed it for Tooting, while Dave Knight's struck Millers' goal through the penalty spot late on.

Grays Athletic's poor form in Ryman League Division One North continued, losing 1-0 at home to Maldon & Tiptree through Jack Stevenson's goal on 27 minutes.

The Blues sit in the final remaining play-off place ahead of Tilbury who drew 2-2 at Waltham Abbey. The hosts took the lead on 53 minutes through Dan Harvey, but the Dockers equalised on 67 minutes thanks to Sam West's penalty.

Abbey netted two minutes from time with Harvey grabbing his second but Ben Crooks earned Tilbury a point in injury time.

Brentwood Town's play-off hopes took a hit, losing 4-0 at Heybridge Swifts. Luke Callander (25, 27), and penalties from Chris Bryan (79) and Jack West (85), helped Swifts to the win, with Town keeper Elliot Justham receiving two yellow cards for both fouls.

Romford lost 1-0 at Ware who lifted themselves out of the relegation zone thanks to Lewis Jones' 88th minute goal.

Iford replace Ware at the foot of the table following their 2-1 home defeat to Redbridge. They took the lead on seven minutes through Rob Carter, but the Motormen took the three points thanks to Ryan Wade's penalty on the hour mark and Ryan Murray heading home on 67 minutes.

Great Wakering Rovers slipped into the drop zone after going down 2-1 at second place Enfield Town. Teddy Nesbitt scored after 45 seconds, but Enfield fought back with a goal from Walid Matata and Nathan Fletcher's own goal in the second half.

Waltham Forest won 2-1 at AFC Sudbury. James Baker gave Sudbury a 39th minute lead but Forest took the win through Adrian Retkoceri and Manu Dagher.

### Rugby Union

### Boost for Barking while Southend lose

IT was a happy Saturday afternoon at last for Barking who produced a shock 20-19 victory over third place Fylde in National League One.

The narrow victory lifted the Eastenders off the bottom and gave them a boost in their relegation battle, lifting them above Birmingham & Solihull and five points behind Stourbridge.

Southend made the long trip to Cornwall to face Launceston but they did not come away with the win, going down 30-10.

Sam Arnot and Andrew McClintock scored their tries but Southend had no answer as Launceston went on to the win in National Two South.

Westcliff lost 33-19 to National League Three London & South East leaders Canterbury. Buster Reynolds, John Sigwart and George Parmenter went over the line for Westcliff, with Ben McKeith kicking two conversions.

In London One North, Thurrock remain in control at the top, beating North Walsham 52-25.

Their cause was aided by Rochford Hundred's shock 17-16 win over second place Colchester, which boosted battle against relegation.

Eton Manor saw off Brentwood 38-7, while Chingford suffered a heavy 5-59 loss to fourth place Bury St Edmunds.

London Two North East leaders Romford & Gidea Park lost their first match in the division, going down 27-20 to third place Basildon.

Chelmsford rediscovered that winning feeling with a 41-15 success over Saffron Walden, while Woodford beat bottom club Beccles 10-14. Canvey Island suffered their 13th defeat of the season, losing 30-0 at Hampstead.

In London Three North East, Campion lost 31-11 to relegation rivals Newmarket, while Wanstead consolidated fifth place with a 16-10 victory over bottom side East London.

South Woodham Ferrers lost 34-19 to Stowmarket while Upminster won 29-6 against Wymondham.

Essex One:- Bancroft 48-8 Writtle Wanderers, Clacton 37-8 Billericay, Old Brentwoods 8-7 Maldon, Old Cooperians 31-33 Millwall, Pegasus Palmerians 24-29 Upper Clapton.

Essex Two:- Ilford Wanderers 87-0 Brightlingsea, Kings Cross Steelers 0-47 Burnham-on-Crouch, May & Baker 17-5 Phantoms, Thames 24-10 Stanford Le Hope.

### Cycling

### Reliability ride

CYCLISTS can take part in a 'reliability ride' next month.

The south east group of the Cyclists' Touring Club (CTC) has organised the 75-mile event for Sunday, February 12, which goes through country lanes to the north-western Essex village of Great Bardfield and back via a series of five checkpoints.

It is used as the first 'warm-up' rides of the year and in the past has attracted more than 130 riders.

This year, participants will be starting from Market Cafe, Wickford, with three start times options of 8.30am (seven hour ride), 9am (six hour ride) or 9.30am (five hour ride).

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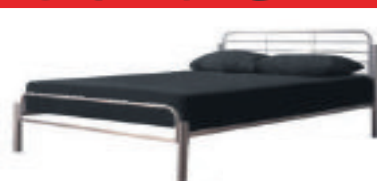
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